

Dozens of U.S. Transit Workers Join House, Senate Sponsors of Bipartisan Bill That Would Create, Save Thousands of Jobs

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressmen Russ Carnahan (D-MO) and Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) were joined by transit workers from St. Louis and across the country at a rally Tuesday, March 16, to promote key transportation legislation that will create or save thousands of jobs throughout the U.S.

"This simple fix won't cost another dime of taxpayer dollars, but could help save thousands of transit jobs across the country, not to mention the countless workers who rely on public transportation to get to their jobs," said Rep. Carnahan. "With Senator Brown's leadership in the Senate and nearly 100 cosponsors in the House, momentum is on our side. This is the kind of common-sense jobs bill we can and must pass now."

H.R. 2746, which was introduced by Rep. Carnahan in the House of Representatives and has now been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Brown, would provide local transit authorities the flexibility to use federal funds for operating funds. This measure would help maintain critically needed transportation services that millions of workers depend on to get to work and preserving thousands of jobs for bus drivers, train operators, and other transit workers. A similar measure championed by Rep. Carnahan last year helped St. Louis Metro to restore one-third of previously cut service, bringing 250 Metrolink operators, machinists, and support staff back to work.

Last month, Carnahan released a [strategic jobs plan](#) for the St. Louis region, in which he cited the passage of this operating budget fix as a key step to helping create or save transit jobs and help support continued job growth and economic development.

A video from Tuesday's rally can be seen [here](#)

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